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BALTIMORE POLICE OFFICER ACQUITTED IN FREDDIE GRAY DEATH

1 Baltimore police officer Edward Nero was acquitted on all charges in the 2015 death of Freddie Gray. Baltimore City Circuit Court Judge Barry Williams, who heard the case in a bench trial, issued the verdict before a packed courtroom. Nero, 30, had faced misdemeanor charges of second-degree assault, reckless endangerment and two counts of misconduct in office. There were no initial signs of rioting after the verdict but a group of protesters chased members of Nero's family into a parking garage, yelling, "No justice, no peace." Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake issued a statement urging calm and said Nero would face an administrative review by the police department. REUTERS

FED AWARDS $78.11 BILLION IN REVERSE REPOS

2 The Federal Reserve on Monday awarded $78.11 billion of one-day, fixed-rate reverse repurchase agreements to 38 bidders at an interest rate of 0.25 percent, the New York Fed said on its website. It was the biggest award since $89.12 billion to 44 bidders on April 1. On Friday, the Fed allotted $60.34 billion in three-day reverse repos to 28 bidders, including Wall Street dealers, money market mutual funds and mortgage finance agencies, also at an interest rate of 0.25 percent. The reverse repurchase agreement program is seen as a critical policy tool for the U.S. central bank to drain money from the financial system in an effort to achieve its interest rate objectives. REUTERS

STATES ON ZIKA'S FRONTLINE SEE BIG GAPS IN FUNDING, EXPERTISE

3 In Mississippi, a small team of entomologists has begun the first survey of mosquito populations in decades. Experts do not believe the kind of mosquitoes most likely to carry the Zika virus are active in the state, but they cannot know for sure. By contrast, the Florida Keys Mosquito Control District has been active since the late 1920s. With an annual budget of over $15 million, it now deploys four helicopters, two airplanes and 33 inspectors covering 125 square miles. Because they are funded by local taxpayer dollars, U.S. mosquito control programs reflect deep economic disparities between communities, leaving some at-risk locations badly unprepared for the virus that is spreading through the Americas. REUTERS

Malaika Hart holds a chicken in front of the chicken coop at the One Arts space. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

Backyard chicken farmer gives City Hall a pecking over fines

West Philly woman says judge dismissed thousands of dollars in fines she refused to pay for raising livestock.

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"The eggs were delicious!" a neighbor passing on the street calls to Malaika Hart. Hart waves back.

"They're a community builder," Hart says of her chickens, which live in a donated coop on her West Philly property off 52nd Street just north of Girard Avenue, where she lives with her 3-year-old daughter, two dogs and a beehive.

"We give away eggs free to all our neighbors. … A lot of kids walking by have never seen a chicken before. They've never seen a tomato growing before."

Hart has become a prominent figure in the Philadelphia subculture of amateur chicken farmers after she shared with the world that a city judge last week threw out thousands of dollars in fines for raising livestock that she'd refused to pay.

Hart is proud of her chickens and of her property — known as the One Art Community Center, a registered 501(C)(3) nonprofit — which also includes a vegetable garden, a fruit orchard, a music performance space, and an earthship-in-progress (a structure built entirely of recycled materials, including tires).

"It's just having pets, food and other benefits," she said of her chickens.

Hart said she first received citations ordering her to pay the city fines about a year ago over the presence of her chickens, as well as for trash — which she considers ironic, given that her art center sits on a former junkyard which her late husband cleaned up.

Hart decided the fines were unjust, so she decided to fight it, bringing pictures of children playing with her chickens, and planning to argue for the benefit of keeping poultry.

"I decided, 'I'm not sending in cash. I'm not going to expend energy at this point,'" she said. "I just wanted to show the unity of backyard chickens."

Instead, she said, when she got to small claims court on May 18, an administrative judge glanced at the photos and tossed all the fines.

"She looked at the pictures, she didn't ask me about them," Hart recalled. "Then she said, 'All charges are dropped.'"

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> Hart

A court spokesman was unable to locate records of the court case by press time Monday evening.

But Hart's small act of civic disobedience may be a sign that judges aren't willing to uphold the city's ban on chickens at private residences. Philadelphia has a wide subculture of chicken enthusiasts who already raise poultry in their backyards despite the ban, including at another farm just blocks from Hart's property

"Regular people love chickens," Hart said, listing the benefits beyond the eggs: their droppings serve as fertilizer, they eat bugs, and children treat them like pets. "We haven't bought eggs since we got them. … We get eggs every day."

Hart doesn't know how she drew the city's attention, but believes someone reported her. The coop is clean and doesn't smell, and there are few neighbors nearby who might have been bothered by any noise.

"Hopefully, whoever it was, has gotten some eggs since then," Hart said.

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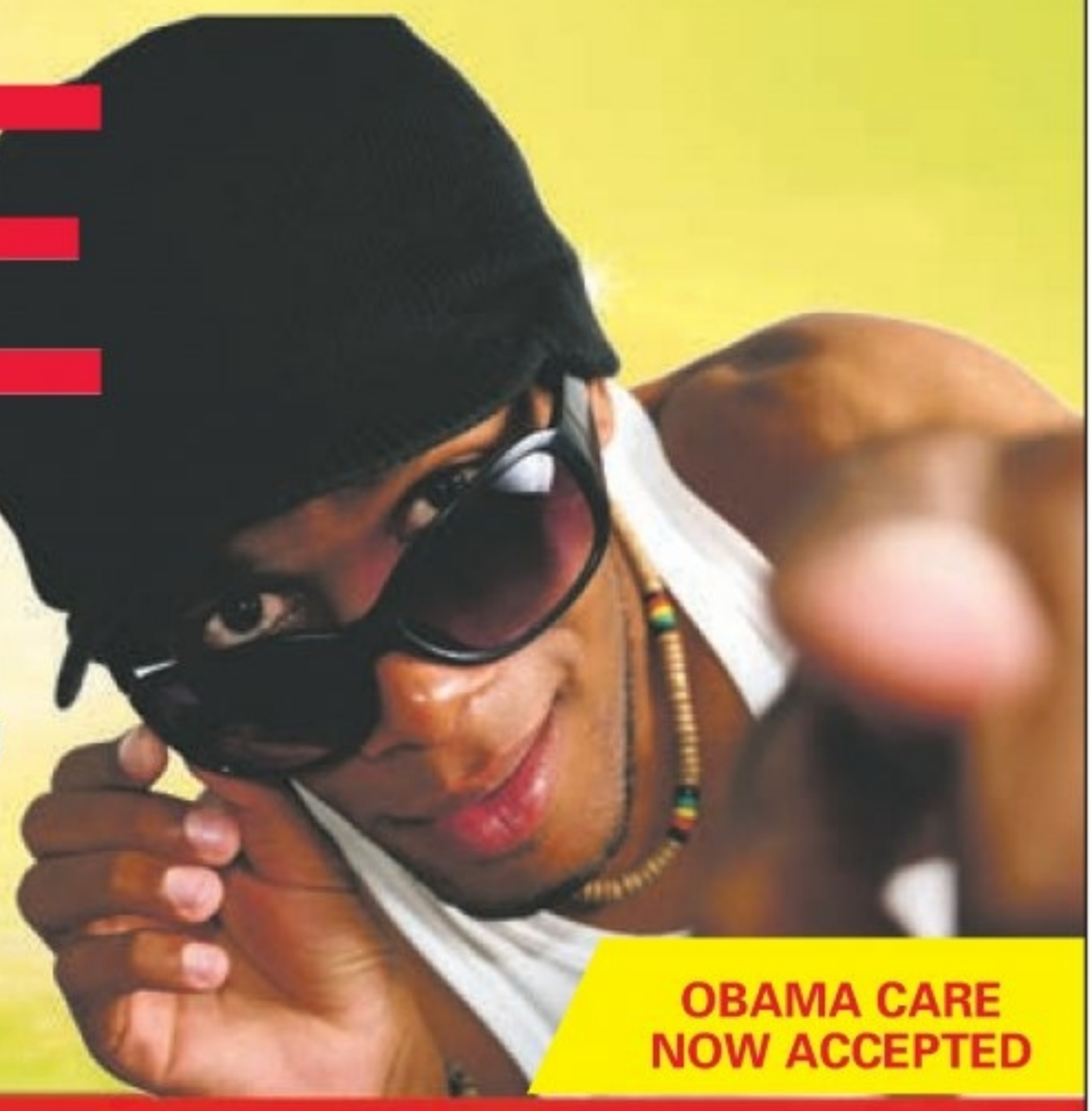

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Soto: on the Internet, left, and in police custody. PROVIDED

Cops: Viral phony firefighter locked up for threatening Philly neighbors

Tony Soto, whose deceptive videos of his encounters with police have gone viral, is now accused of threatening his neighbors with a gun.

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Tony Soto calls himself a "worldwide and internationally known leader for equal rights and equal justice for all" on his Facebook page, which has nearly 33,000 followers.

But law enforcement is calling him a felon after Philadelphia cops arrested him last week on charges of aggravated assault and illegally carrying a gun for allegedly threatening neighbors with a gun while claiming to be a police officer.

Soto, 29, was arrested May 18 after allegedly telling neighbors in Oxford Circle who he was arguing with over a parking spot that he was a cop, then pointing a handgun at them, police said.

The incident occurred some time after 10 p.m., when neighbors on the 6200 block of Castor Avenue asked Soto to move his vehicle, which blocked their car in.

"He refused and stated 'I'm taking that s—' and said he was a police officer," the police report states. "An argument ensued and the male continued to identify himself as a police officer; however, he never displayed credentials."

The neighbors, the fiancee and brother-in-law of a police officer, went a few doors down to get the officer, who was off-duty, according to police. As the off-duty cop came over, a female exited Soto's home with a firearm and handed it to Soto, "who held it at his waist and pointed it at the three, as the female provoked him by saying pop them, shoot their a—," according to the police report.

The off-duty cop told Soto he was a police officer, at which point Soto brought his gun back inside and returned without it. When the off-duty officer told Soto he was going to arrest him, Soto fled, before being chased down, at which point he punched the officer, before being pinned down and detained until uniformed officers arrived, according to the report.

Soto and Isabel Mota, 18, the female residing at the home who brought him the gun, were both arrested and charged with aggravated assault.

In the days since, while Soto remains in police custody, family members started a Gofundme account for Soto's legal fees, which was shut down by the site.

Court records show bail listed at $300,000, requiring 10 percent posted for his release.

Soto went viral in March 2015 after posting video of himself arguing with 15th District officers who pulled him over for driving with tinted windows. Entitled "Fire Marshall Shuts Down Officer Who Attempts To Violate His Rights," it has nearly 5 million views on YouTube.

In the video, he flashed a fake badge at officers and claimed to be a "fire marshall" from a suburban fire department. A Norristown fire chief later confirmed the badge was fake.

Soto was previously convicted in 2006 by federal authorities of straw purchasing four guns and served 33 months in federal prison, before being arrested again for impersonating an officer in 2008, NBC10 reported.

Soto's preliminary hearing is scheduled for June 3.

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Jim's Steaks attack caught on video, suspects at large
Police are seeking three suspects in connection to an attack outside Jim's Steaks in which a victim was beaten and robbed.

Around 3:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 7, a 34-year-old man was walking outside Jim's Steaks on South Street when he was approached by three men from behind, Philadelphia police reported.

The three men allegedly punched the victim in his face before taking his iPhone 6 and gold necklace, police added.

They fled in an unknown direction.

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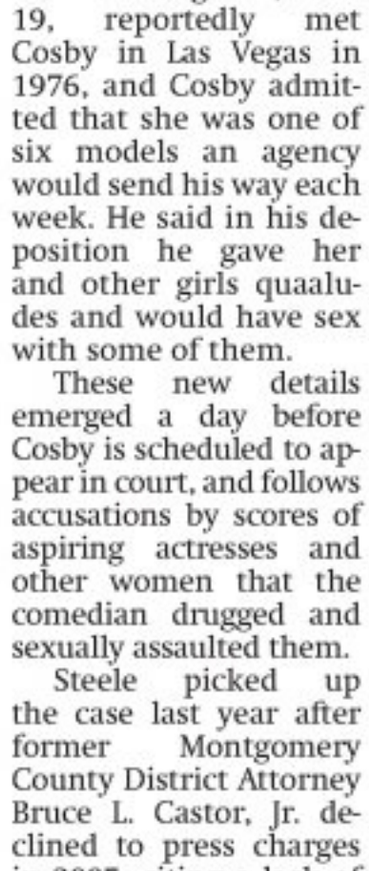
Pa. Supreme Court denies last effort to block Cosby hearing

Judge to decide if enough evidence exists for comedian to stand trial for allegedly drugging and assaulting former Temple coach.



Cosby GETTY IMAGES

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The Pennsylvania Supreme Court rejected an eleventh-hour attempt by Bill Cosby to delay Tuesday's scheduled preliminary hearing in his sexual assault case.

According to published reports, Cosby's lawyers had sought a stay while the court reviewed a previous lower court ruling refusing to dismiss the criminal charges against him. The state Supreme Court rejected the motion Monday.

Cosby, 78, is accused of drugging and sexually assaulting former Temple University basketball coach Andrea Constand, now 43, in January 2004 at his home in the Philadelphia suburb of Elkins Park. He has been charged with three counts of aggravated indecent assault.

The hearing before Judge Elizabeth McHugh has been delayed since January while his attorneys fought to have the case thrown out.

USA Today reported Monday that at the end of testimony Tuesday, the judge will decide whether the prosecution, led by Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin Steele, has established reasonable cause to believe a crime was committed. If Steele is successful, the judge will set a date for trial.

The Daily Mail reported on Monday that Cosby admitted to having sexual encounters with teenagers in court depositions given in 2005 and 2006. Therese Serignese, then 19, reportedly met Cosby in Las Vegas in 1976, and Cosby admitted that she was one of six models an agency would send his way each week. He said in his deposition he gave her and other girls quaaludes and would have sex with some of them.

These new details emerged a day before Cosby is scheduled to appear in court, and follows accusations by scores of aspiring actresses and other women that the comedian drugged and sexually assaulted them.

Steele picked up the case last year after former Montgomery County District Attorney Bruce L. Castor, Jr. declined to press charges in 2005, citing a lack of material evidence.

If convicted, Cosby could face up to 10 years behind bars.

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Cops: Woman who drove over pedestrian charged with attempted murder

Police have charged a woman after she allegedly threatened to hit a pedestrian before driving over her.

On Thursday, May 5, police said Mariandely Miranda drove her 2003 Mazda Protege over a woman walking at the corner of 16th and Vine streets, striking the victim with both passenger-side tires. Their dispute began when the pedestrian was allegedly almost struck by Miranda's car as she was walking through the crosswalk at the intersection, police stated. They exchanged words after the near miss.

"B—, if you don't move, I will move you," Miranda said before hitting the gas and deliberately driving over the female pedestrian, according to police.

Mariandely Miranda PROVIDED

Several witnesses chased the vehicle and took pictures of it and Miranda, according to police. The victim was taken to Hahnemann Hospital for a fractured pelvis, hip and tailbone.

Miranda has been charged with attempted murder, aggravated assault, making terrorist threats and accident involving death, a charge that was added because of the severity of the incident though no one died. JASON NUCKOLLS

BIKE CONFERENCE

City to host first bike share conference

On the heels of the one-year anniversary of Philadelphia's Indego bike share program, the city will host the first Better Bike Share Conference at the end of next month to measure its performance.

From June 22 through 24, the Better Bike Share Conference will bring together system operators, city transportation officials, social justice advocates, and bike sharing partners from across the country. Discussions will be based around how bike-sharing programs have cut down on greenhouse gas emissions, motorized traffic and affected public health in general.

More than 100 people are expected to take part in the conference, put together by the city, the Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia, the National Association of City Transportation Officials and the nonprofit membership organization PeopleForBikes, based in of Boulder, Colorado.

Clarena Tolson, Philly's deputy managing director for transportation and infrastructure, said the City of Brotherly Love is considered a national model for developing equitable transportation for all colors, creeds and races.

"Bike share has the potential to transform mobility, improve health outcomes and increase access to opportunity," she said.

"It can only reach its full potential if it reaches people of all demographics and incomes."

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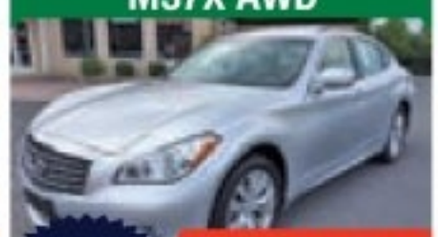
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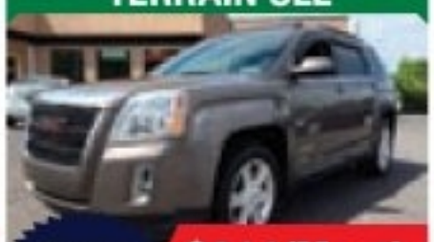
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CNN: Virginia governor under FBI probe over campaign donations

Terry McAuliffe is a close ally of Hillary Clinton. He was co-chairman of Bill Clinton's 1996 presidential re-election campaign and chaired Hillary Clinton's 2008 presidential bid.

Terry McAuliffe, Virginia's Democratic governor and chairman of Hillary Clinton's 2008 presidential run, is under federal investigation over contributions to his 2013 campaign, CNN said on Monday, citing unnamed U.S. officials.

The Justice Department's yearlong investigation has focused, at least in part, on whether contributions to McAuliffe's gubernatorial campaign, including $120,000 from a Chinese businessman, Wang Wenliang, violated the law.

Investigators have "scrutinized" McAuliffe's time as a board member of the Clinton Global Initiative, part of the charitable foundation set up by former President Bill Clinton, CNN said, citing unidentified government officials briefed on the case.

The foundation is not accused of any wrongdoing, CNN added.

McAuliffe spent at least 15 years as an unpaid director for the foundation, now known as the Bill, Hillary & Chelsea Clinton Foundation, until 2013, according to the charity's annual disclosures filed with the Internal Revenue Service.

An attorney for McAuliffe's campaign, Marc Elias, said he could not confirm the CNN report.

"Neither the governor nor his former campaign have knowledge of this matter, but as reported, contributions to the campaign from Mr. Wang were completely lawful," Elias said in a statement. "The governor will certainly cooperate with the government if he is contacted about it."

The Justice Department declined to comment.

Spokesmen for Clinton and the Clinton Foundation did not immediately respond to requests for comment. A spokeswoman for Wang, who has given at least $2 million to the Clinton Foundation through his company Rilin Enterprises, said he had not been contacted by investigators.

On Sunday, McAuliffe hosted a fundraiser for Clinton's campaign. For a $2,700 donation, a person attending the event could get a photo taken with him, according to Clinton's website.

Virginia's Democratic governor Terry McAuliffe GETTY IMAGES

Republicans seized on the report to question Clinton's integrity. Her aides have been questioned by the FBI and Justice Department prosecutors in a probe into whether her using a private email server as secretary of state broke laws.

"Hillary Clinton's campaign was already tainted by her own FBI investigation, so the revelation that her top political ally Terry McAuliffe is also facing a criminal probe is especially damaging," Michael Short, a Republican National Committee spokesman, said in a statement. REUTERS

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Bernie Sanders rejects deal on Puerto Rico, offers alternative

Breaking with the Obama administration, Sanders called on Senate colleagues to instead back an alternative he has proposed to allow the U.S. territory the same access to restructure its debt in bankruptcy court that is afforded to municipalities.

Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders on Monday rejected a bipartisan deal reached in the House of Representatives on legislation to address Puerto Rico's debt crisis, calling it a concession to Wall Street.

Lawmakers in the House of Representatives last week unveiled a bill, hammered out in talks between lawmakers from both parties, that included a framework for restructuring Puerto Rico's $70 billion in debt and putting the island's financial operations under the control of a federal oversight board.

A House vote is expected in the first week of June, ahead of a $1.9 billion debt payment due on July 1, but any legislation would have to clear the Senate as well.

Democratic congressional leaders have acknowledged disagreements with some parts of the bill but said negotiations had led to a workable compromise, and the Obama administration has urged Congress to quickly pass it.

"It is critical that Congress pass this as there are very significant bond payments due in July," U.S. Treasury Secretary Jack Lew said last week. "Time is of the essence."

Sanders' rival for the Democratic nomination, Hillary Clinton, has also backed the legislation.

But Sanders, who represents Vermont as an independent but who caucuses with Democrats, said Wall Street would benefit at the expense of Puerto Rico's workers.

"This legislation looks out for the needs of Wall Street vulture funds first and foremost. That is unacceptable," he wrote in a letter to Senate colleagues on Monday.

He cited provisions exempting residents from new overtime protections and allowing minimum wage on the island to dip to $4.25 for a period of up to five years, far lower than the U.S. minimum wage of $7.25.

Instead, Sanders said the U.S. Federal Reserve and Treasury Department could find other solutions, such as providing loans to Puerto Rico's electric authority and water agency, and directly purchasing new bonds issued by the U.S. commonwealth. REUTERS

Bernie Sanders GETTY IMAGES

BRIEF

Supreme Court rules for black Georgia death row inmate

The Supreme Court on Monday effectively overturned a black man's 1987 conviction for murdering a white woman, rebuking Georgia prosecutors for unlawfully excluding black potential jurors in picking an all-white jury that condemned him to death.

The 7-1 ruling handed a major victory to Timothy Foster, who is 48 now and was 18 at the time of the 1986 killing of Queen Madge White, a 79-year-old retired schoolteacher, in Rome, Georgia. Prosecutors, however, still could seek a new trial.

Black convicts make up a disproportionately high percentage of death row inmates in the United States. Opponents of capital punishment assert that the American criminal justice system discriminates against black defendants.

During jury selection, all four black members of the pool of potential jurors were "struck" by prosecutors, meaning they were removed from consideration. Prosecutors gave reasons not related to race for their decisions to exclude them.

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North Korean envoy rejects Trump overture to meet Kim Jong-Un

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump's proposal to meet North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un is a "kind of propaganda or advertisement" in the election race, a senior North Korean official said Monday.

Trump, in a wide-ranging interview with Reuters in New York last week, said he is willing to talk to the North Korean leader to try to stop Pyongyang's nuclear program, proposing a major shift in U.S. policy toward the isolated nation.

"It is up to the decision of my Supreme Leader whether he decides to meet or not, but I think [Trump's] idea or talk is nonsense," So Se Pyong, North Korea's ambassador to the United Nations in Geneva, told Reuters on

North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un
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return from Pyongyang after attending the first ruling party congress in 36 years.

"It's for utilization of the presidential election, that's all. A kind of a propaganda or advertisement," he added. "This is useless, just a gesture for the presidential election."

North Korea conducted a fourth nuclear test in January and launched a long-range rocket in February, triggering tougher international sanctions.

So, who is also North Korea's ambassador to the U.N.-backed Conference on Disarmament, reiterated that his country was prepared to return to stalled six-party talks on its nuclear program. China and Russia backed the idea, but the United States and its allies South Korea and Japan reject it, he said.

"As a responsible nuclear state ... we never use them first," So said. "If the United States use their nuclear weapons first, then we have to use also that one."

But he added: "As a responsible nuclear state, we keep and observe the obligations of non-proliferation of nuclear technology." REUTERS

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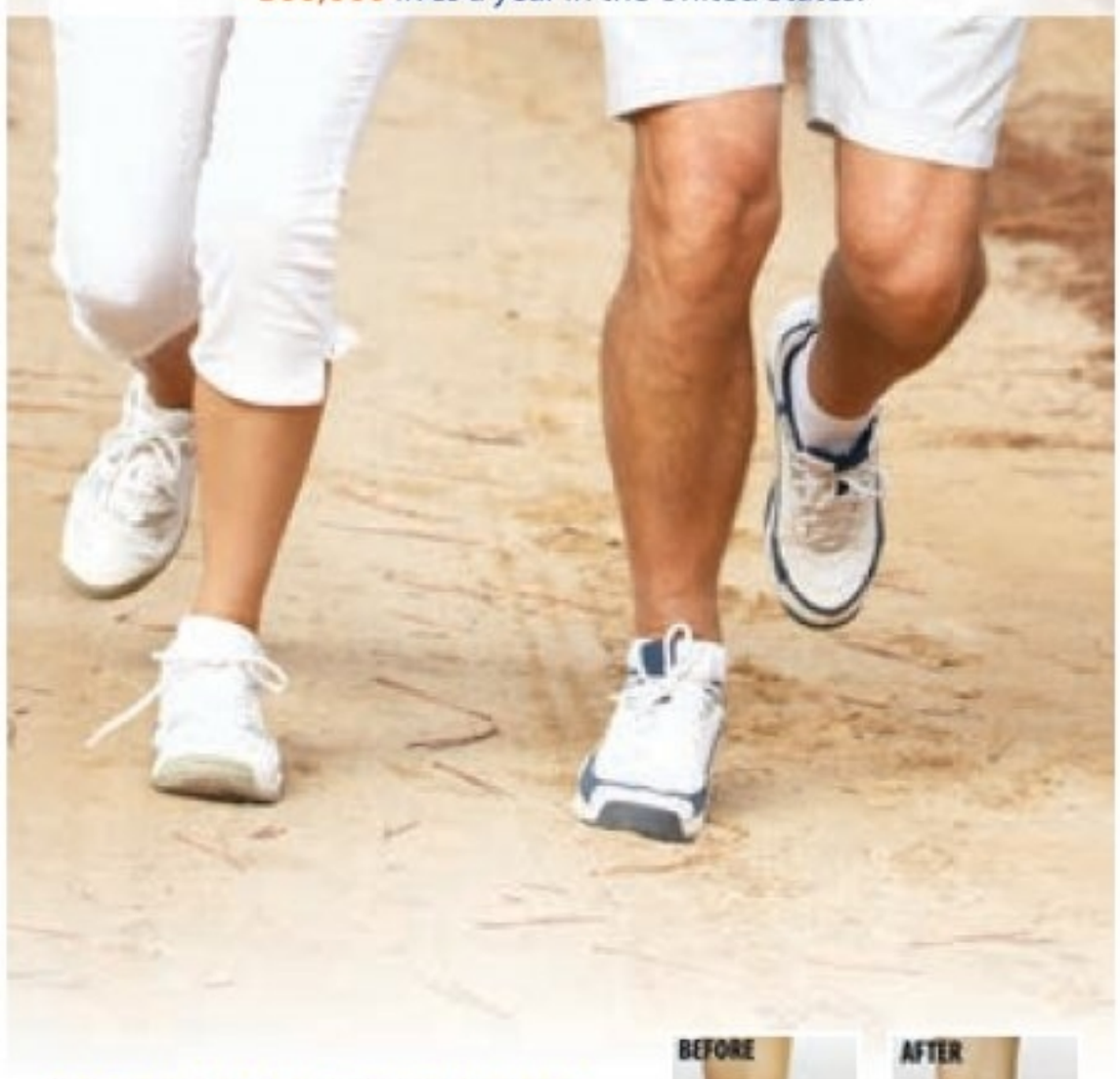

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US lifts arms ban on old foe Vietnam as China tensions simmer

The United States announced a complete end to its arms embargo on Vietnam on Monday, a historic step that draws a line under the two countries' old enmity and underscores their shared concerns about China's growing military clout.

The move came during President Barack Obama's first visit to Hanoi, which his hosts described as the arrival of a warm spring and a new chapter in relations between two countries that were at war four decades ago.

Obama has made a strategic "rebalance" toward Asia a centerpiece of his foreign policy.

The decision to lift the arms trade ban suggested such concerns outweighed arguments that Vietnam had not done enough to improve its human rights record and Washington would lose leverage for reforms.

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Obama told a joint news conference with Vietnamese President Tran Dai Quang that disputes in the South China Sea should be resolved peacefully and not by whoever "throws their weight around."

President Barack Obama walks past Vietnam's President Tran Dai Quang after a news conference at the International Convention Center in Hanoi on Monday. GETTY IMAGES

But he insisted the arms embargo shift was not linked to China.

"The decision to lift the ban was not based on China or any other considerations. It was based on our desire to complete what has been a lengthy process of moving towards normalization with Vietnam," he said. Obama later added his visit to a former foe showed "hearts can change and peace is possible."

In 2014, the Obama administration eased the decades-old arms embargo to allow its former Cold War enemy to buy maritime surveillance and "security-related" systems to strengthen it with China in mind.

Now, Hanoi will be able to buy a full range of U.S. weapons and military equipment. Immediate big-ticket purchases are not expected but Vietnam's military strategists are likely to seek U.S. drones, radar, coastal patrol boats and possibly P-3 Orion surveillance aircraft.

The sale of arms, Obama said, would depend on Vietnam's human rights commitments, and be made on a case-by-case basis. REUTERS

BRIEF

Monitor: Bombs kill nearly 150 in Syrian government-held cities

Bombs killed nearly 150 people and wounded at least 200 in Jableh and Tartous on Syria's Mediterranean coast on Monday in the government-controlled territory that hosts Russian military bases, monitors and state media said.

Islamic State claimed responsibility for the attacks in the cities that have up to now escaped the worst of the violence in the 5-year-old conflict, saying it was targeting members of President Bashar al-Assad's Alawite minority.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said 148 people were killed in attacks by at least five suicide bombers and two devices planted in cars. State media had said 78 people had been killed in what is Assad's coastal heartland.

The attacks were the first of their kind in Tartous, capital of Tartous province and home to a Russian naval facility, and in Jableh in Latakia province, near a Russian-operated air base.

The Kremlin said the blasts underscored the need to press ahead with peace talks. REUTERS

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Awful man troll threatens Taylor Swift and friends

Proof again that the Internet is awful: One of the many psychos who can vomit the contents of his warped mind thanks to the anonymity of social media has taken his ire out on celebrities. And, of course, his targets are beautiful women. According to TMZ, Taylor Swift, Cara Delevingne, Gigi Hadid and Jaime King are among the troll's prey. The celebs are being haunted on Twitter with "poetry" like, "I will kill your friends and I am excited about it"; "gonna give it a shot, but I probably gonna end up murdering your friends"; and "people gon die die die die!" Police have yet to identify this stranger, or suss out if he's just some men's rights activist in a basement. But this shows once more — and we mean it — that pretty people have it bad, too.

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Idina Menzel totally cool with Elsa getting a girlfriend

Menzel with her "Frozen" counterparts IRL. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Idina Menzel spoke out on "Frozen" fans' petition to give Elsa a female love interest in the animated film's sequel. "I think it's great," she told Entertainment Tonight at Sunday's Billboard Music Awards. "Disney's just gotta contend with that," she continued. "I'll let them figure that out…. No matter what, [Elsa] changed my life."

Fans have been using the Twitter hashtag #GiveElsaAGirlfriend to encourage Disney to give the princess a same-sex partner in "Frozen 2," following a tweet from feminist tween writer Alexis Isabel Moncada on April 30. Moncada penned a first-person essay for MTV explaining the viral movement.

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'DOPE'

Kiersey Clemons, from left, Shameik Moore and Tony Revolori play South Central nerds who get in some hot water in "Dope." OPEN ROAD FILMS

Blockbusters never run out of comic book movies, but at least the indie world keeps gifting us with hilarious and righteously angry films about race and modern black life. Spike Lee's "Chi-Raq" and Justin Simien's "Dear White People" both live on Amazon Prime, while Netflix gets their slightly lesser cousin: "Dope," which takes the grim hood movies of the '90s ("Boyz N Tha Hood," "Juice," etc.) and reworks them into a free-wheeling romp. Following one college-bound, hi-top fade-rocking nerd (Shameik Moore) as he gets in comically deep in the drug business, it's an excuse to fire off cogent gripes: about trust fund kids, about white boys incensed they can't use the N-word, about the fact that South Central L.A. hasn't improved much in the last 20 years. The blend of jokes and talking points isn't always smooth, but when it scratches it draws blood.

'THE KEEPING ROOM'

Brit Marling guns up in "The Keeping Room." DRAFTHOUSEFILMS

Like "Dope," the feminist Western "The Keeping Room" wants to be both a political weapon and escapist fare. Three women in the South circa the Civil War — two white (Brit Marling and Hailee Steinfeld), one a mostly autonomous slave (Muna Otaru) — find themselves in a home invasion situation, when two Union army rogues (Sam Worthington and Ned Dennehy) recognize they don't have a man to keep them safe. It's so good at blending its two sides that there's not much to do but admire it — although, considering the crazy way it ends, its one major flaw may be that there probably won't be a sequel.

'TO CATCH A THIEF'

Did you know there are under 50 movies made before 1960 on Netflix Instant? Streaming isn't too kind to the classics, and it's getting worse. (Cinephiles will have to wait for Filmstruck, the forthcoming service combining the Avengers-esque powers of Criterion, TCM and others.) Frankly it's astonishing there's even one Alfred Hitchcock film on there, even if it's one of his third-tier efforts. Preferring fizz over suspense, 1956's "To Catch a Thief" boasts no memorable nail-biters.

Grace Kelly hobnobs with Cary Grant in "To Catch a Thief." PROVIDED

Indeed, its best scene is romantic, with Cary Grant, as a retired thief blamed on a spate of robberies in the South of France, canoodling with Grace Kelly's society gal. It's uncharacteristic in Hitch's career, but — like his screwball "Mr. & Mrs. Smith" — that makes it worthy of extra scrutiny.

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Chloe Sevigny misses old, cool New York

But at least she gets to reunite with Whit Stillman for the Jane Austen movie "Love & Friendship."

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When Chloe Sevigny played a young, upwardly mobile New Yorker in Whit Stillman's 1998 dramedy "The Last Days of Disco," she was primarily known for "Kids." It was a bit of a gearshift, but it helped establish her as one of the most exciting young actors working. With "Love & Friendship," she returns to the world of Whit, who this time adapts one of his clearest inspirations: Jane Austen. Based on the author's early novella "Lady Susan," it reunites Sevigny with "Disco" co-star Kate Beckinsale, who plays a 30-something widow scheming for a new husband. Sevigny plays Alicia, her similarly savvy best friend.

Given the films you'd done before "The Last Days of Disco," how did you convince Stillman you'd be good for the more buttoned-up Charlotte?

I think I may have lied and said I went to prep school, to seem more WASPy, thinking he would like that. I probably said, "Oh, I just came from the train from Connecticut." I made all of that up. And somehow he cast me. I love that movie. A Halloween or two ago, I remember coming out of a party at my brother's club. And a girl was dressed as me in "Last Days of Disco." She had my top and my hairdo and my trousers. I took a picture with her.

It's good you get cited for that and not only "Kids."

I still have that T-shirt, the one with the blue ringer. They had a 20-year anniversary screening at BAM. I thought, "Maybe I should wear that T-shirt." Then I thought it would freak people out. Too weird. [Laughs] But I think I should bust it out at some point.

Looking at "Kids" now, it's a good reminder that New York is no longer remotely that cool. The Village is all drunk NYU kids.

Yeah. Where are the weirdos? That's what I always say. I was wearing some crazy outfit downtown, in a restaurant. My boyfriend said, "That couple's looking at you like you're nuts." I was like, "Good, someone's got to be nuts in this town." It's so boring now. It's all so staid. I hope I can bring a little freakiness down here, for crying out loud.

Back to Stillman: A lot of indies tend towards naturalistic dialogue, but his is very written.

His dialogue is very heightened, and he's very specific about tone and intonation. It can be a little difficult working for Whit. You feel like you're under a microscope. You want to perform well for him, but sometimes it's like, "Oh my God, it's like an IQ test."

"The Last Days of Disco" alumni Chloe Sevigny and Kate Beckinsale reunite for Whit Stillman's Jane Austen adaptation, "Love & Friendship," now in theaters. BERNARD WALSH, AMAZON STUDIOS, ROADSIDE ATTRACTIONS

Girl power

The characters played by you and Kate Beckinsale know how to get what they want. Usually strong women like that are punished, though movies do seem to be evolving, slowly, to include more characters like that — though not so much in blockbusters.

I went to see "The Huntsman" the other day and I was like, "I wish this movie had been better for these ladies." I really do. I wanted to support it. I love Charlize [Theron], I love Jessica [Chastain], I love Emily [Blunt]. I wanted them to have a better movie. If this movie doesn't perform, it's a problem [for other female-driven movies]. They had endless resources — why couldn't they have given these girls a better movie?

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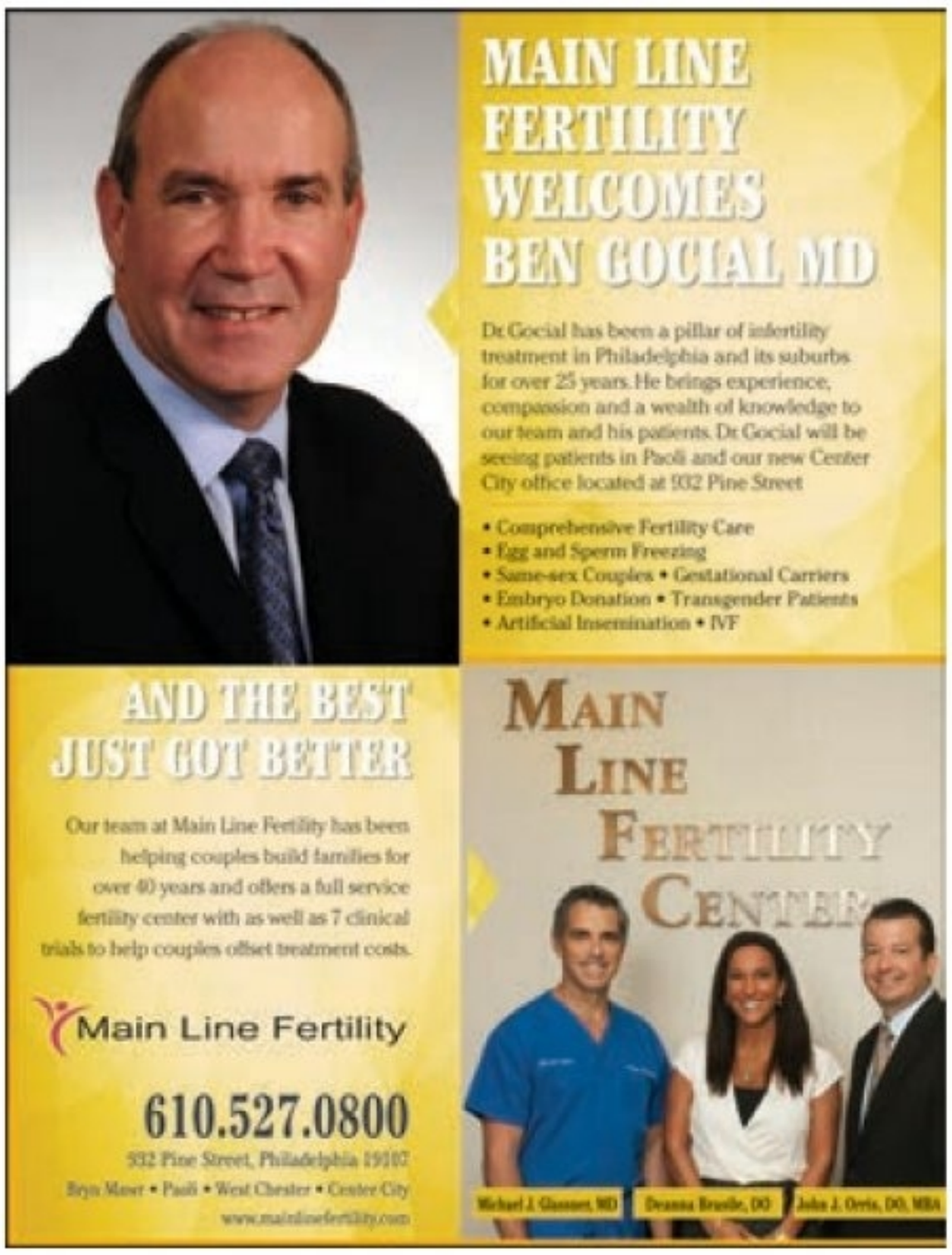
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Dylan very nearly didn't play that gig — but to hear the rest of that story, you'll have to show up at Rembrandt's on Tuesday, May 24, for Kenn Kweder and Jon Houlon's 10th Annual Bob Dylan B'day Bash. In celebration of Dylan's actual 75th birthday, 40 Philly performers will perform 40 Dylan songs with no two alike amongst the lot. Shay will also tell his tales of hanging out with Bob.

"So many great ones are pushing off these days: Bowie, Haggard, Prince, Guy Clark," says Houlon, who fronts John Train and the Donuts. "It's important to celebrate the greatest one of all time while he's still here. We keep doing it, year after year, because the show gets better and better each year."

While Houlon plays the Dylan classic "Workingman Blues #2", co-host Kweder will cover his own Dylan favorite, "Don't Think Twice, It's Alright."

"We've got some new faces this year — we're very excited about Nalani and Sarina, twins from New Jersey who recently played for the Boss — along with the usual folks like Jim Boggia, Ben Arnold, Lauren Hart, Slo-Mo and such," says Kweder.

"The Philadelphia Ukulele Orchestra is doing 'The Mighty Quinn.' I always try to pick something upbeat, poppy and not-so-heavy from Dylan's catalog because we're playing ukes."

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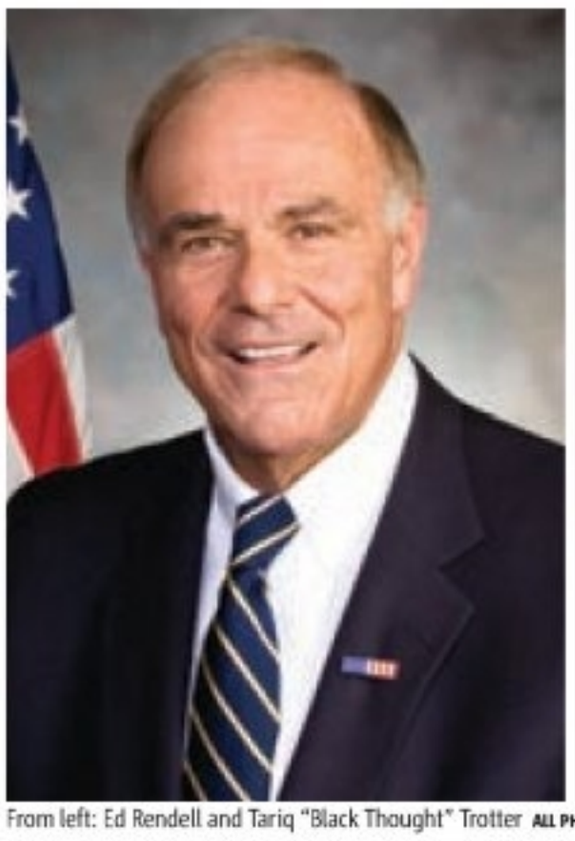

From left: Ed Rendell and Tariq "Black Thought" Trotter ALL PHOTOS PROVIDED

Rendell and Black Thought honored for cultural contributions

Tonight, the Arts + Business Council of Greater Philadelphia recognizes individuals working to make the city a creative destination.

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Twenty years ago, Philadelphia was a much different city. Instead of happy hour crowds flooding pop-up beer gardens, Center City was all but desolate after rush hour. While there was certainly a rich arts scene, it was largely an in-the-know, locals-only affair, all but swallowed up in the shadow of New York.

But the tides were turning. Then-Mayor Ed Rendell and his wife, Judge Marjorie Rendell, spearheaded a successful campaign to transform what was once a forgotten stretch of Broad Street into the Avenue of the Arts. At the same time, the Roots were quietly changing the face of hip-hop — and with it, the hometown they didn't forget as they went from local legends to household names.

Tonight, the Arts + Business Council of Greater Philadelphia will honor Rendell and Roots frontman Tariq "Black Thought" Trotter for their contributions to the city.

"Tariq isn't just from here — he's still very much a part of Philadelphia as he continues to give back," says Karin Copeland, executive director of the council, citing Trotter's support of the Mural Arts Program and his alma mater, the Philadelphia High School for Creative and Performing Arts. "And Ed Rendell was just amazing. He was the one that started Philadelphia on this path — he really focused on making Center City a place that you want to live and work and visit."

"Infinite love and respect to the city that helped make me the man and artist I am today."

Tariq "Black Thought" Trotter

This evening's ceremony at the Art Museum will host more than 600 guests, including Mayor Jim Kenney, and will also honor business, legal, technology and creative professionals working to make Philly a cultural destination. "The creative economy is the new economy, and we're trying to attract more and more people to come to Philadelphia," says Copeland. "There are amazing people doing amazing work here, and along with them, we want to ensure that the world sees us as a global creative capital."

Rendell spoke eloquently of Philadelphia's arts scene. "From the Kimmel to the Fringe, Philadelphia's cultural assets have become a tremendous motivator for businesses, baby boomers and now young people to come back to the city in droves," he said in an Arts + Business Council press release.

Black Thought echoed his sentiments while nodding to the city's role in his success. "The work ethic I got from growing up in Philly is something I've carried with me throughout my life. If you can make it in Philly, you can make it anywhere," he said in the release.

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How healthful are these Instagram snacks really?

And do they actually taste good?

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Sometimes the #fitspiration that pops up in your feed is spot-on. But other times it's deceiving. A post-workout photo of someone chugging Vitamin Water? Little does that selfie-taker know that Vitamin Water is loaded with sugar. And some premade smoothies — that, granted, look delicious — can pack over 700 calories. That's more than a cheeseburger.

And what about the trendiest grab-and-go health bars? How do those measure up? Here, we break down seven trendy healthful snacks, exposing the health benefits of each. Plus, we see how it tastes. Because a healthful snack is useless if it tastes disgusting.

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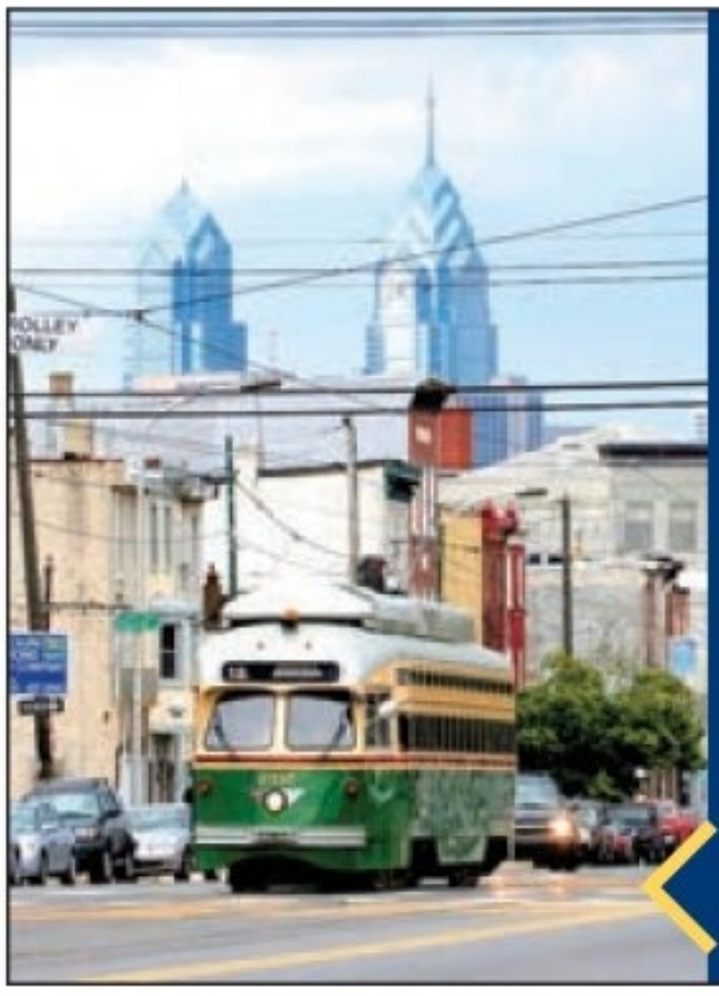

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Health Warrior brands itself as the only health bars with chia as the main ingredient, and it's true. They are packed with the nutrient-rich seed. Chia seeds are small but full of fiber, protein, healthful fats and magnesium. While the chia bar snacks are low in calories, sugar and sodium, they don't pack as much punch on the health front in terms of protein and other vitamins. Taste-wise, if you are into the slimy texture of chia seeds, you'll like 'em. If not, this isn't the bar for you. Health Warrior also has bigger Superfood Protein bars, which have more calcium and protein while still being low in sodium and saturated fat.

Exo Cricket Flour Protein Bars

$2.30 each, select health retailers or exoprotein.com

Not a much of a meat eater? Well, it turns out crickets are a terrific source of protein. The little bugs — which are ground up into a flour in the Exo bars — have more protein than beef and eggs, and more than twice the amount of iron that spinach has. The Exo bars are also high in fiber. But while it may only take you a minute to wolf down, the bars have 290 calories each — more than the others on this list. As for the taste, the bars come in flavors like banana bread and apple crisp. While you get a hint of those, overall, they taste like a bad, slightly sweet brownie.

Probar

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IT'S TIME FOR PHILLIES TO SPEED UP REBUILD

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For the Phillies' success to continue, the squad will need some reinforcements on the offensive side. GETTY IMAGES

Sports rebuilds occur in stages. First you hit rock bottom, as the Phillies did last season. Then you hope the kids you bring in through draft or trades can develop together, as the Phils are doing now. Optimism amid the growing pains.

Then it comes time to accelerate. A trade to cover a hole in the system. A free agent to add leadership and show you're serious. That was supposed to be next season, at the earliest. Remember when outgoing president Pat Gillick said they were unlikely to contend again before — gulp — 2018?

Except construction on this luxury house is moving nicely ahead of schedule. Maybe the rebuild doesn't need to be as arduous and painful as we all girded up for. Perhaps the time to accelerate the plan is now.

The Phillies entered this week with a .568 winning percentage, good enough right now for that last wildcard spot. While a minus-31 season-long run differential makes the record seem illusory, note that it accumulated early. Since they went to Washington for a three-game sweep over the Nats on Apr. 26, the Phils have scored as many runs as they've allowed. And they're 16-9 overall.

What we know is they've got a nifty young notation, led by Aaron Nola and Vince Velasquez. They've got an end-of-game bullpen that rarely falters. Their defense — with the obvious exception of Ryan Howard at first base — is solid. I don't expect falloff in any of these areas.

Manager Pete Mackanin seems everything Ryan Sandberg wasn't — creative, engaged, able to motivate youngsters and rookies. Odubel Herrera is an offensive threat in every regard — he can even bunt his way on. And Maikel Franco? Let's just believe that last year's splits — a .581 OPS before June 1, a .905 OPS after that — will come into effect again.

Hey, logic may say this team can't hang in a pennant race. Too little offense, too many kids bound to run into slumps. Conventional wisdom says you wait for the next wave of prospects — Nick Williams and J.P. Crawford and Jake Thompson — while enjoying any minimal success right now.

Except maybe, just maybe, they don't have to wait. GM Matt Klentak certainly should not ship out any of the glowing lights of the system. But, come June, if he can add a veteran outfield bat for a B prospect, pick up an inflated contract to put some power in the lineup — well, he'd be wise to act. Start by finding someone who can persuade Mackanin to stop batting his pitcher eighth.

Hey, who says you have to adhere to a slower timetable? Fans are back, once again interested in this team. There's the energy of youth, with more kids working their way up. But a dash or two of veteran offensive power added to this lineup could have the Phils playing meaningful games deep into the summer.

Sometimes, "the Process" doesn't have to take as long as you think.

Should Sixers be concerned about Simmons' documentary?

There are a few red flags that many 76ers fans keep circling back to when criticizing likely No. 1 pick Ben Simmons. And it's not his lack of an outside shot.

It's his personality.

The 6-foot-10 point-forward grew up idolizing LeBron James, and according to Sports Illustrated has a close relationship with the Cavs' superstar, routinely texting with the player — who shares a very similar story with Simmons.

Also, like James, Simmons has been making a documentary about his transition to the pros, much like James' "More Than a Game." Over the course of an entire year, Simmons is documenting the journey from high school to LSU to the NBA with a film crew following him everywhere.

A family connection helped Simmons set up the documentary, according to Sports Illustrated, with his older sister (who is married to former NFL running back Michael Bush) working for James' marketing firm LRMR setting up Simmons with MaggieVision to produce the film.

MaggieVision is best known for being one of the production companies responsible for films in ESPN's "30 for 30" series.

Does Simmons' documentary and desire to be like his idol LeBron pose concern when it comes to character makeup?

Many pundits are arguing it does, and Brandon Ingram should be the Sixers' choice at No. 1 (making Simmons the Lakers' problem at No. 2).

It will be interesting not only to see the reaction to Simmons' weird personal life, but also the documentary itself when it is completed.

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Ben Simmons appears to be the presumptive No. 1 pick. GETTY IMAGES

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Birds', Wentz' success depend on Bradford's cooperation

In order for the Eagles' QB plan to work, the team needs Sam Bradford to contribute on and off the field.

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The Eagles quarterbacks room is loaded with talent and experience. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

The Eagles return to the field Tuesday for their second week of OTAs and the temperature seems to have gone back to its regular level at the NovaCare Complex, especially with regard to the Birds' three quarterbacks.

To this point, and going forward (at least into training camp), head coach Doug Pederson will keep giving Sam Bradford, Chase Daniel and Carson Wentz equal reps with the first, second and third units respectively.

And Bradford hopes to impart some productive quarterback wisdom on the developing Wentz as workouts continue.

"I understand what it's like to be in his position," Bradford told the media last week. "When I came in as a rookie, I had A.J. Feeley in St. Louis with me and he was great. He taught me a lot. He really kind of took me under his wing … I'm not going to try to hide anything. I'm going to try to help Carson. If he asks questions, I'm going to give him the best answers that I can. I love seeing quarterbacks succeed in this league and if I can do something to help him become a better player, I'm going to do it."

Before all the drama (with Bradford demanding a trade and later returning to the team and rescinding his stringent request), that is exactly what Pederson and the Eagles' brass had in mind. It seems Bradford is finally saying all the right things — playing Philadelphia's tune.

The success of the future of the Eagles' franchise, and that of Wentz depends a lot on the cooperativeness of Bradford. For all of his flaws on the field, injury woes and bad luck, having him as a mentor is a huge asset for the Eagles and for Wentz. This is particularly true when paired with Pederson's leadership, Daniel's two cents as the Birds' backup and the talented offensive coaching staff.

"I think if I wasn't willing to do that, I think that's just not having a great respect for the game," Bradford said. "I think that's how this is. I think it's the job of older players in this league to try to help the younger guys out. I was very fortunate when I was younger to have someone who did that for me, and I think it's only right that I fill that role now."

MLB power rankings by Ryan Hannable

No. 1

Cubs (29-13)

Jake Arrieta has a 1.29 ERA, the best in the game and Anthony Rizzo's 34 RBI are the second-most in the National League.

No. 2

Red Sox (27-17)

Jackie Bradley Jr. has a 27-game hit streak and is batting .342 on the year. It's not even best on the team as Xander Bogaerts is batting .346. They are 1-2 in the entire AL.

No. 3

Giants (27-19)

The Giants have won nine of their last 10 games and won a series against Chicago this weekend. Hunter Pence is swinging a hot bat as he has 32 RBI, tied for fourth in the NL.

No. 4

Nationals (27-17)

Washington is led by its pitching as Stephen Strasburg has seven wins, good for second in the NL and Gio Gonzalez has a 1.86 ERA, which is third in the NL.

No. 5

Orioles (26-16)

The Orioles have kept pace as they have won six of their last 10 games. Mark Trumbo has hit 13 home runs, tied for the most in the AL.

No. 6

Mariners (26-17)

The M's are led by their offense as they have scored the second-most runs in the American League. Robinson Cano's 39 RBI lead the AL.

No. 7

White Sox (22-16)

Pitching continues to lead Chicago as it has two pitchers with the top two ERA's in the American League. Chris Sale is at 1.58, while Jose Quintana is at 1.98.

No. 8

Mets (25-18)

By way of winning three straight games, the Mets have closed the gap in the NL East. Besides Yoenis Cespedes (14 homers, 35 RBI), they haven't done much at the plate.

No. 9

Rangers (25-19)

Texas has won six of 10. From the mound, Colby Lewis has rebounded nicely from a tough year in 2015 as he has a 2.75 ERA, good for 10th in the American League.

No. 10

Phillies (25-19)

With a minus-31 run differential it doesn't seem sustainable with the lack of offensive production, but the pitching has been among the best in baseball.

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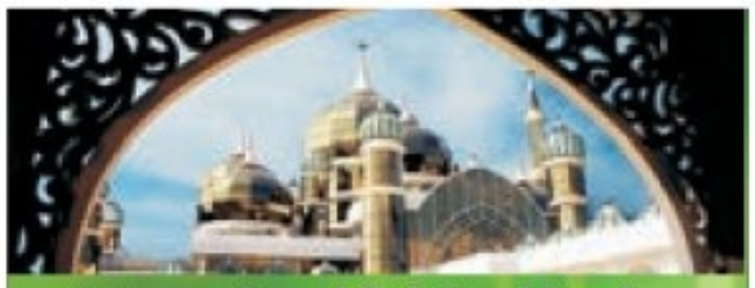

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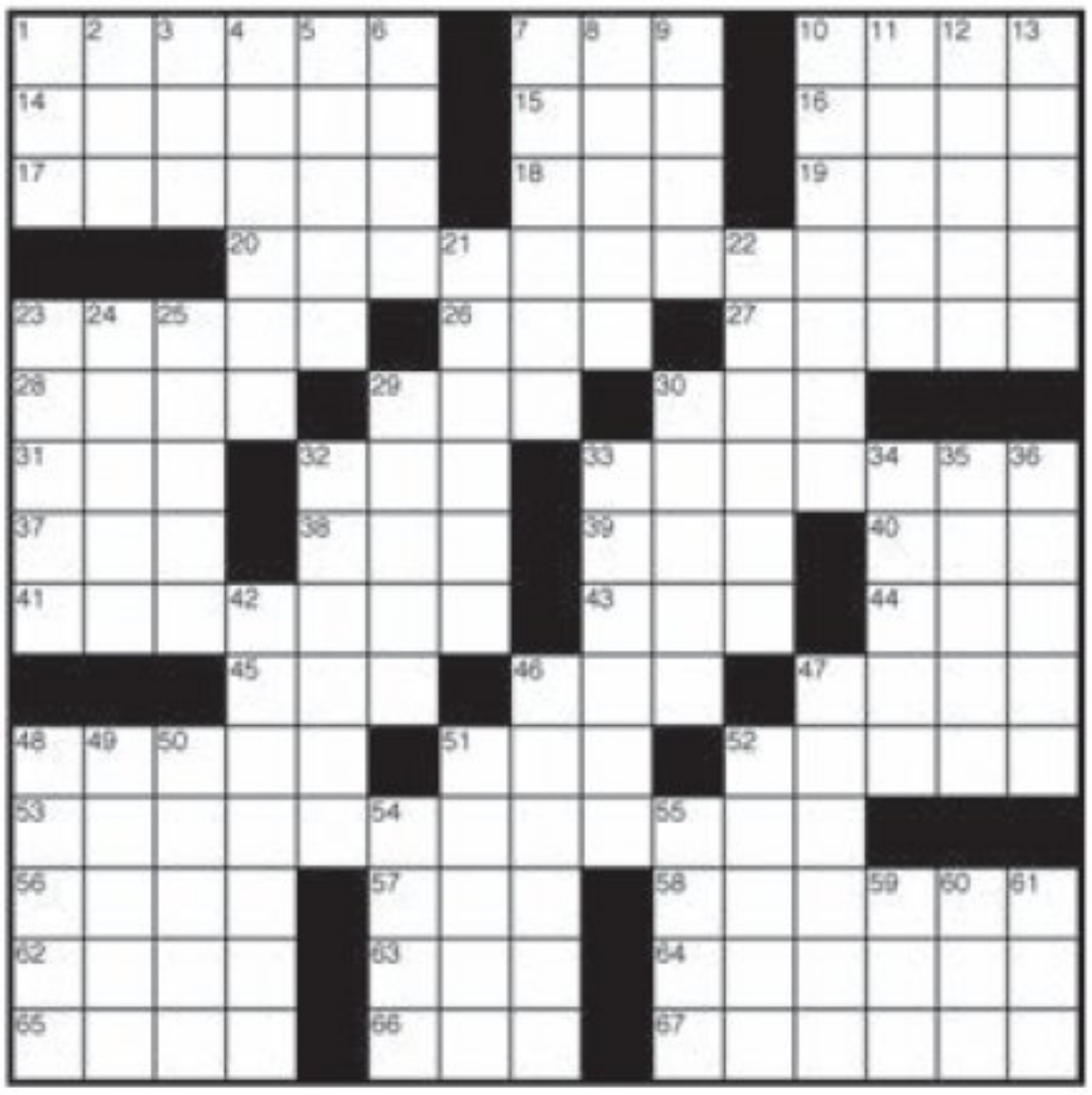

Across

1 Wingding
5 Eggy desserts
10 Knife handle
14 Humdinger
15 It inches along
16 Great work
17 "Madam, I'm —"
18 Pseudopod possessor (var.)
19 Oater backdrop
20 He did "Chantilly Lace" (2 wds.)
22 — -upper
23 Drink like Rover
24 — is me!
25 Frolicked
29 Green garnish
33 Interprets tea leaves
34 Tarzan's title
36 Spare, maybe
37 1040 agcy.
38 Grave risk
39 Fleur-de- —
40 Overlook
42 — out (withdraws)
43 Less than a drizzle
45 Reese and Moore
47 Gourd-shaped rattles
49 Provide with weapons
50 Magna — laude
51 Hits the horn
54 It's passed in counsel (2 wds.)
60 Rolling — — (rich)
61 Nanny
62 Cold — — icicle
63 NASDAQ rival
64 Gracie or Fred
65 Posse's quarry
66 Pink-slipped
67 Sound from the fold
68 Water pitcher

Down

1 Spill the beans
2 German import
3 Steel-mill refuse
4 Brought low
5 Slushy beverage
6 Gravy no-no
7 Helm position
8 Wyo. neighbor
9 Tijuana "Mrs."
10 Coziest
11 Triangle tip
12 Firecracker part
13 Autocrat of yore
21 Galley movers
22 Part of FYI
24 Off the —
25 Finish a piecrust
26 Falcon's abode
27 No longer chic
28 Ocean trenches
29 Light bender
30 Fragrant bush
31 Ms. Jong
32 Toadies' responses
35 Easel display
38 Ballad or idyll
41 Flattened a fly
43 Sincere
44 Run amok
46 Um cousins
48 Twang or drawl
51 Turner of "Typical Male"
52 Black gem
53 River in France
54 Yank
55 Dashiell contemporary
56 Between ports
57 What "vidi" means (2 wds.)
58 Glass square
59 Amtrak driver
61 Slap the cuffs on

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Aries Keep your emotions out of the equation when dealing with friends, relatives and neighbors. Take a moment to assess your situation and gain insight into your options.

Taurus You'll crave excitement. Sign up for something that will motivate you to interact with others and share ideas. Keeping your plans a secret won't help you make headway.

Gemini A financial move will help get rid of overdue bills. Using common sense and doing your own fact-finding will ensure the best results. Follow safety precautions.

Cancer Team up with someone who offers interesting options. Using alternative means and methods to get ahead will impress people looking for something unusual.

Leo You will crave something new. Join a group or get involved in an activity that promotes meeting new people or presenting what you have to offer. Romance is featured.

Virgo Look for activities you can do with a friend or children. Taking an interest in something you used to enjoy doing will encourage you to reunite with someone from your past.

Libra Put your energy into events and activities that promote personal progress and development. Pooling your resources with an important someone will help you build a better future.

Scorpio Don't feel you have to do everything yourself. Be open to suggestions, as it will help you expand an idea that you've been contemplating. Don't be afraid to do things differently.

Sagittarius Don't let the actions of others cause you to be confused. Separate from the crowd and focus on self-awareness and physical well-being. Romance is best kept out of the workplace.

Capricorn Use your imagination when it comes to financial matters, personal assets and home improvements. By doing things differently, you will find a way to cut costs.

Aquarius Trust in your abilities. You have the passion, stamina and wherewithal to bring about positive changes that will improve your personal and professional lives. Romance is encouraged.

Pisces Your power of persuasion will be stellar, but make sure that you have an ironclad plan in place before you entice others to follow your lead. A mistake will lead to discord. **EUGENIA LAST**

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